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FY05 BUDGET RESOLUTION...SECURITY, OPPORTUNITY, RESPONSIBILITY

Defense and Homeland Security

War on Terrorism. The budget provides a \$20 billion increase, or 5.1-percent, for the FY05 defense budget that will enable our military to continue waging an aggressive and global war on terrorism. The budget includes a contingency fund of up to \$30 billion to provide for additional costs of ongoing military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Since 2001, total defense spending has increased by 35 percent.

Homeland Security: The budget provides a \$4 billion increase, or 15 percent, for total homeland security spending* of \$31 billion to secure the nation's borders, train and equip first responders, protect critical infrastructure, guard against bio-terrorism, and improve intelligence analysis and coordination. The budget assumes full funding for all homeland security-designated activities at the President's request of \$22.6 billion for the one-year-old Department of Homeland Security. Highlights follow.

First Responders. The budget assumes the President's request of \$3.6 billion for the Office of Domestic Preparedness to continue to fund our state and local first responders focused on helping the nation prepare for, mitigate the effects of, respond to, and recover from major domestic disasters. Since 2002, Congress has appropriated close to \$15 billion for state and local first responders. The budget also provides doubling the Urban Area Security Initiative within this account to \$1.4 billion for terrorism preparedness in "high threat" urban areas.

Airport and Transportation Security. The budget provides \$5.3 billion or a 20-percent increase for the Transportation Security Administration to strengthen our aviation security system. This includes \$400 million to continue employing more efficient baggage screening solutions at our Nation's busiest airports to improve security while increasing operational efficiency.

FBI. The budget provides \$5.1 billion or a 13-percent increase for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

United States Coast Guard. The Budget provides the U.S. Coast Guard with \$6.24 billion, a 6.2-percent increase over FY04.

*includes funding for Bioshield